MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Children and Family Services

At its meeting held April 27, 23004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"Permanency, either through adoption or a legal and permanent connection with a caring adult, is key to creating a healthy outcome for children and older youth in foster care. The need to develop efficient programs and systems to increase the possibilities of permanency for older children is essential. Youth who leave foster care without a permanent connection are more likely to commit a crime or become a victim of a violent crime.

"The Department of Children and Family Services has developed a plan to increase permanency for foster youth, ages 14 years and older. Kidsave, a nonprofit organization, has also developed a plan to find parents for older youth in foster care, based on their successful international model whereby 94.6% of 930 older youth were placed with adoptive families from 1999-2003.

"Kidsave would like to form a partnership with Los Angeles County to help find permanent homes for the 10,666 foster youth, ages 14 years and older, in out-of-home care."

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     Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Director of Children and Family Services was directed to review the model developed by Kidsave as it relates to finding parents for older youth; and report back to the Board within 45 days with recommendations to incorporate the Kidsave model into the Department of Children and Family Services' plan to increase permanency for foster youth ages 14 years and older in Los Angeles County.

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